

DNREC'S Division of Parks & Recreation announces change in start date for Rockland entrance to Brandywine Creek State Park closure

GREENVILLE – DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation announced today that the closure of the Rockland entrance of Brandywine Creek State Park for stormwater culvert replacements has been postponed until the evening of March 18, rather than March 11, because of next week's weather forecast. The eastern section of the Brandywine Trail from the Rocky Run Bridge to the Rockland entrance will also be closed starting on the evening of March 18.

The Brandywine Trail is among the busiest trails in the Delaware state parks system. During the closure, failed stormwater culverts on the Brandywine Trail extending to the Rocky Run Bridge will be replaced with larger units. Longstanding stormwater challenges due to the steep side slopes of the trail have caused sections of the trail bed to erode and create mud puddles, preventing trail users full access to the trail. The planned culvert repairs will help alleviate the erosion and stabilize a large section of the trail bed.

The Thompsons Bridge trailhead, parking lot and trails on the west side of the Rocky Run Bridge will remain open for users.

DNREC also announced this week that the paving of the trail has been placed on hold while the proposal continues to be evaluated. More details will be available in the near future.

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